

County Library Board Meeting
January 24, 2007

The meeting came to order at 10:02 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Pat Bradley, Gary Forney and Donna Ohs; Library Assistant, Faye Rutherford; and Director, Joanne Erdall present.

The minutes of the December 14th meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ohs and a second by Brendel.

Old Business:

The voting results for the Montana Shared Catalog ongoing cost formulas were announced by Erdall. 92% of the members voted (54 out of 59). 85% Voted for the new alternate formula based on each library's titles (30%), patrons (30%), circulation counts (10%), and an equal share contribution (30%) (46 out of 54). 15% voted for the Current cost formula based on each library's Total Operating Expenditures and title count (8 out of 54). This means our library will pay \$693.30 to belong to the consortium next year. As opposed to the existing formula which would have had us paying \$959.21.

Letters would be sent to area contractors on estimates for the building remodel. Enclosed will be the architect's suggestions.

New Business:

The new mileage forms were handed out to Ohs and Bradley.

Next was the financial report. We looked over each line item's remaining budget. No one had any questions. Flower bouquets and gift certificates would be provided to our book station volunteers thanking them for all their efforts to assist our library in serving rural patrons. The contingency fund would handle this expense.

Erdall has been working on filling out two surveys. One is for a bill introduced to the legislature for funding Montana Public Library Construction. The other is a university study of the future of librarians in the workforce.

Discussion followed on the upcoming celebration for Erdall's 25th Anniversary as Director of the County Library to be held on Saturday, January 27th from 2-4 pm.

Erdall attended the County Staff Meeting at the courthouse on January 9th. The commissioners asked us for our concerns and suggestions to help bring the jail and courthouse addition bond back to the vote of the people. They stressed the need for us to be informed stewards for the plan to hold a mail in ballot vote this May. Erdall will keep the trustees informed.

Some of the statistics Erdall shared with the board:

Our library has over 753 movies available for our patrons.

We circulated 12,767 materials last year.

We borrowed 128 books from in state libraries and 8 books out of state.

We loaned 54 books to in state libraries and 8 books out of state.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, February 14th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.